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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2003.

The requirement for election of one of the alleged following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified by the Examiner as Species 1-Species 14 corresponding respectively to Embodiment 1-14, is traversed in that, as recognized by the Examiner, at least claim 1 is a generic claim, and such claim has not been rejected. Thus, applicants submit that at least an allowable generic claim is present in this application, and as recognized by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, consideration of additional species as identified by the Examiner is appropriate.

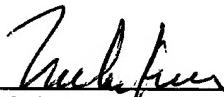
Additionally, applicants submit that other generic or sub-generic claims are present in this application and therefore, applicants request withdrawal of the election requirement.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species 14 - Embodiment 14 with claims 1-5, 15-18, 22-24, 26 and 27 being readable thereon, it being recognized by the Examiner that at least claim 1 is generic, and applicants submit that the other claims readable on Species 14 also include generic or sub-generic claims which are readable on other species. Thus, applicants request withdrawal of the election requirement.

In view of the above remarks, applicants request favorable action in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.40571X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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